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SUBJ: COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES -CFA 3 IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED AGENDA 7A

1. THE PAPER FOR ITEM 7A CONCENTRATES ON 5 POINTS ARISING FROM
AN IMPROVED FOOD AID POLICY (RESOLUTION XVIIIIN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE)
FINDS SOME PROGRESS IN EACH ELEMENT BUT CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS
A NEED TO DO MORE. THE POINTS ARE:

A) GREATER CONTINUITY IN FLOW OF FOOD AID THROUGH FORWARD PLANNING
IN PHYSICAL TERMS

B) DIVERSIFIED COMPOSITION OF FOOD AID

C) AN INCREASE IN THE PORTION OF FOOD AID THROUGH INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS.

D) IMPROVED ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS
(ALSO INTERPRETED AS INVOLVING INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES)

3) ADDITIONAL CASH RESOURCES TO FOOD AID PROGRAMS; USING PART
OF FOOD AID REPAYMENTS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY NUTRITION PROGRAMS AND
EMERGENCY RELIEF.

2. U.S.TALKING POINTS DEPEND CONSIDERABLY ON RECENT PROGRESS
MADE WITH RESPECT TO FORWARD PLANNING IN PHISICAL TERMS,
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EXPERIENCE WITH (OR PROSEPCTS FOR)THE SELF HELP "GRANT BACK"
PROVISIONS OF PL 480 TITLE I AND A DECISION ON PARTICIPATING IN THE
INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY FOOD RESERVE (IEFR).

3. POINT (A) ABOVE INVOLVES TWO ELEMENTS: IMPLEMENTATION OF
PROGRAMS TOWARD THE 10 MILLION TON TARGET OF CEREALS TRANSFER
TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; FORWARD PLANNING IN PHYSICAL TERMS,

INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS WITH WFP. THE PAPER ACKNOWLEDGES THE VIRTUE OF THE 1.3 MILLION TON GRANT FLOOR (PL 480 SECTION 201B) BUT THE US MIGHT ALSO EMPHASIZE THE DEGREE OF APPARENT CONTINUITY PARTICULARLY FOR THE COUNTRIES WITH LESS THAN DLR 300 PER CAPITE INCOME, UNDER TITLE I. THIS WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS WITH WFP FOR MILK PRODUCTS (AND OTHER ITEMS IF THEY ARE FOR ENOUGH ALONG) FOR 1977 AND 1978, AND ATTITUDES TOWARD THE 79/80 PERIOD ONCE PLEDGES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.

4. POINT (B) DIVERSIFIED COMPOSITION OF FOOD AID. EMPHASIS COULD BE PLACED (AS IT IS IN THE PAPER) ON INCREASED DELIVERIES OF OILS AND MILK, BUT WE ALSOMIGHT EMPHASIZE THE FORTIFIED BLENDED FOODS (WHICH THE PAPER DOES NOT) AND POSSIBLY RICE. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS OUR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE NOT SO MUCH ON DIVERSITY AS ON APPROPRIATENESS FOR GIVEN SITUATIONS, PARTICULARLY NUTRITION INTERVENTION/VULNERABLE GROUP FEEDING. (WE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR SOME FLACK RE THE INTRODUCTION OF COMMODITIES WHICH THE COUNTRIES WILL NOT HAVE AN ABILITY TO PROVIDE THEMSELVES AT LATER STAGES).

5. POINT (D:) EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS -THERE WILL BE AN INTEREST IN PROGRESS ON THE INTERNATIONAL UNDERTAKING ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY., BUT THE DOCUMENT CONCERNS ITSELF PRIMARILY WITH THE 500,000 TON IEFER. A KEY POINT FOR THE US RESTS ON THE DECISION RE PARTICIPATION. WE ALSO SHOULD HAVE DATA ON SHIPMENTS THROUGH OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES (UNICEF), AND A PLUG FOR THE BILATERAL EMERGENCY PROGRAM, AND THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS IN SUCH PLACES AS BANGLADESH, ETHIOPIA AND THE SAHEL.

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6. POINTS (C) AND (E) BOTH PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MEANS IN WHICH LOCAL CURRENCIES OR LOAN FORGIVENESS MAY BE USED FOR FOOD RELATED PURPOSES, BUT IT MIGHT BE BETTER TO (LOW KEY" THIS ELEMENTS, DEPENDING ON WHAT STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PL 480 SECTION 106(B) 2. CONSIDERATION MIGHT ALSO BE GIVEN TO SUGGESTED REVISION IN THE DOCUMENT, WHICH WILL CLARIFY THE U.S. PROGRAMS IN CASE THERE IS A CALL FOR FURTHER FOLLOW UP ON THIS ITE. GARDNER

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